(*c*) whether Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield are purchasers of timber from the Quilon Divisional Forest Officer;

(*d*) whether the said lorry is used for transporting fire-wood from the forest areas under his jurisdiction; and

(*e*) whether the Divisional Forest Officer is negotiating for the purchase of more lorries from Messrs. Stanes & Co, and other firms?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes; they are purchasers of Government timber.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Value of Motor Vehicles and accessories imported and petrol consumed.

200. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the value of motor vehicles and their accessories imported into, and the value of petrol consumed in, Travancore from the 1st Chingom to the 1st Dhanu of the current year (1105)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The value of motor vehicles and accessories imported into Travancore is Bh. Rs. 3,37,051. No information is available regarding the value of petrol consumed during the period. The value of petrol imported during the period is Bh. Rs. 5,54,144.

Filling up of permanent vacancies of Magistrates.

201. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the permanent vacancies of Magistrates which are not yet (18-5-1105) permanently filled up as well as the duration of each of them?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not filling these permanent vacancies permanently?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The list* required by the member is laid on the table.

(2) Magistrates have been appointed in all these vacancies. The question of filling up the vacancies permanently is under consideration.

Statement of Munsiffs recruited from the Bar.

202. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Munsiffs recruited from the Bar during the five years ending Vrischikam 1105?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement † containing the information called for is laid on the table.

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